



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2007

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Administrative Business

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. The July minutes were not available for review at the meeting but had been e-mailed to everyone. Any suggested edits to the July minutes should be forwarded to Sharon O'Toole (MAEL).

Subcommittee Reports

Laboratory Certification Program: No new updates. In response to a question from Aqualab, Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) reported that most 2008 ACPLs have been mailed to laboratories. Any delays in labs receiving their ACPLs are likely due to certification /additions that are in process. Labs that have not received a current ACPL can direct clients to call Mike DiBalsi at NJDEP/OQA for confirmation of certification status.

PT Program: Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) reported that Rachel Ellis (NJDEP/OQA) is tentatively scheduled to return to work on 10/26/07. Michelle Potter (NJDEP/OQA) continues to fill in during Rachel's absence. In addition, Tom Chepiga (NJDEP/OQA) has been working up the PT study statistics.

December 07 WP PT Study: The failure notices and invoices for the December WP PT study will be mailed by September 21, 2007. Your laboratory will be invoiced for any parameters that were not acceptable in the WP-149 study and any certified parameters for which no PT data was submitted. Payment (or acceptable proof of pending payment) for the December study must be received by October 31, 2007. If payment is not received by that date this PT study will not be ordered for your laboratory.

October 07 SHW PT Study: The aqueous samples for the October SHW PT Study will ship on or about October 12, 2007 and the soil samples will ship on October 19, 2007. A pre-shipment letter will be mailed on October 1 with all the relevant information.

January 08 WS PT Study: The invoices, announcement letter and cost tables for the January WS Study will be mailed on October 5, 2007. Payment for the January study is due by November 16, 2007. If payment (or acceptable proof of pending payment) is not received by that date this PT study will not be ordered for your laboratory.

Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) distributed copies of the Eastern Analytical Symposium (EAS) Preliminary Program to all attendees. The EAS will be held November 12-15, 2007 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ.

TNI (The NELAC Institute) Update: The TNI meeting was held in Cambridge, MA on Aug. 20-24. Updates can be found on the TNI website: <http://www.nelac-institute.org/>

Communications and OQA Website: The website has not yet been updated with any ELAC 2007 meeting minutes.

Bioassay: No report

NJQLs: Andy Fishman (NJDEP/OQA) reported that several anomalies have been identified with the application. These have been forwarded to NJDEP's contractor. No estimated date of implementation can be reported at this time.

Sludge (Biosolids): Anthony Pilawski (NJDEP/BPR) reported that the NJPDES Monitoring Report Form Manual (which replaces the DMR Manual) is now available on the NJDEP website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/pdf/MRF%20Manual.pdf>

A presentation on the implementation of the new manual will be given by NJDEP at the New Jersey Water Environment Federation Technology Transfer Seminar at Tinton Falls on Sept. 26-27, 2007: <http://www.njwea.org/pdf/tech-transfer-flyer-sept-07.pdf>

Old Business

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: No report.

PWTA: No report.

Site Remediation: Tom Cady (HC/V) reminded the group that 9/30/07 is the last sampling date for soils to be analyzed for TPH by 418.1 modified.

Tom also mentioned that NJDEP has extended the comment period for the proposed Soil Cleanup Criteria rule. The new deadline will need to be confirmed with the Site Remediation group.

New Business:

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:56AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on October 11, 2007 – 5th Floor Conference Room.

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